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RULES, ORDERS and Directions made and Eſtabliſhed by Us the Lord Lieutenant and Councel, for the better Regulating the Corporation of the City of *Dublin*, and the Electing of Magiſtrates and Officers there.

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WHEREAS in and by one Act of Parliament, lately made in this Kingdom; Entituled, An Act for the Explaining of ſome doubts ariſing upon An Act; Entituld, An Act, for the better Execution of His Majeſties Gracious Declaration for the Settlement of His Kingdom of *Ireland*, and Satisfaction of the ſe-

veral intereſts of Adventurers, Souldiers, and other His Subjects there; And for making ſome alterations of, and additions unto the ſaid Act, for the more ſpeedy and effectual Settlement of the ſaid Kingdom.

IT is amongſt other things therein contained, Enacted, That it ſhall, and may be lawful to, and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor, or Governors, and Council of *Ireland* for the time being, from time to time, and at all times to come, during the ſpace of Seven years, to be accompted from the Nine and twentieth day of *September*, One thouſand ſix hundred ſixty five, to make and eſtabliſh ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, for the better regulating of all Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations, both New and Old, and ſuch as ſhall be created within this Kingdom, and the Electing of Magiſtrates and Officers there, and to inflict ſuch penalties for the breach thereof, as they in their wiſedomes ſhall think fit, ſo as the penalties for breach of the Rules, Orders, and Directions to be made, touching ſuch Corporations, do not extend farther than to the Removal and Diſfranchiſment of ſuch Perſons, as ſhall be found guilty of the breach thereof; and ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, ſo to be made as aforeſaid, ſhall be as good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purpoſes, as if the ſame had been ſpecially and particularly Eſtabliſhed by Authority of this preſent Parliament, and ſhall remain, continue, and abide in force, for ſuch and ſo long time, as in the ſaid Rules, Orders, and Directions ſhall be limited and appointed, any thing in the ſaid Act, or otherwiſe to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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WE the Lord Lieutenant and Council, in pursuance of the said Act, and the Authority thereby given unto Us, have thought fit to make and Establish; And We do hereby Make and Establish the Rules, Orders, and Directions hereafter mentioned, for the better Regulating of the Corporation of the City of Dublin and the Electing of Magistrates and Officers there.

First, That upon all Elections to be hereafter made, of any person or persons to serve in any of the Offices of Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Recorder, or Town Clerk of the said Corporation, the names of the persons so Elected to serve in the said several Offices, shall be by the said Corporation within ten days after such Election presented to the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and the Privy Council of this Kingdom to be approved of by them, and that no persons so Elected for any the said Offices, shall be for ever hereafter capable of serving in the said several Offices, or any of them, untill they shall be respectively approved of by the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and Privy Council of this Kingdom by Order under their hands; And in case the persons, or any of them, whose name shall be so presented to the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and Council of this Kingdom, shall not be so approved of within Ten dayes after their names shall be so presented, then and in such case the said

Corporation shall from time to time proceed to a new Election of fit persons for the said respective Offices, for which the persons so presented, shall not be so approved of, and shall in like manner present their names to the said Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and Privy Council of this Kingdom, untill they shall have chosen such persons for the said respective Offices, as shall be so approved of as aforesaid. And that the Election of the Lord Mayor Sheriffs & Treasurer of the said city of Dublin shall be for ever hereafter only by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said city, there being always eight Aldermen at the least present at the time of such election, and that no other person or persons whatsoever, shall at any time hereafter have any vote in the election of the said Officers or any of them.

Secondly, That the Treasurer, Sheriffs, and all other Receivers of any part of the Revenues of the said city from time to time hereafter yearly within six moneths next after the expiration of one whole year wherein they shall serve in the Execution of their respective Offices, shall render unto the Auditors of the said city or usual Quorum of them appointed, or to be appointed for that purpose a true and perfect accompt of all moneys (being any part of the Revenues of the said city) received by them within that year wherein they shall serve in the execution of their said

respective Offices, and shall also pay unto the treasurer of the said city for the time being such moneys as shall appear upon such account to be due from them respectively, upon pain of being disfranchised by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said city, for the time being, or usual Quorum, of them who are hereby Authorized and required from time to time to disfranchise such persons so respectivly neglecting to account and pay as aforesaid. And in case the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen shall neglett to disfranchise such persons, then the said persons so negleeting to accompt and pay as aforesaid to be disfranchised by the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and Council of this Kingdom, and to be from thence forth incapable without their licence of being restored to their Freedoms; and also liberty is hereby given to take such further course against such persons as shall be agreeable to the Laws of this Kingdom, and to the Laws, Charters, customs, and constitutions of the said city:

Thirdly, That no person or persons, that shall hereafter be Elected, either Lord Mayor Recorder, Sheriffs, Treasurer, Aldermen, Town-Clerk, or of the Common councel of the said city, or Master, or Wardens of any of the Corporations or Guilds, within the said Citie, shall be capable of holding, enjoying or exercising any the said Offices, places or imployments, until he or they shall have taken the oath of Supremacy, Established by Act of Parliament 2do Elizabethæ in this Kingdom, and the

Oath of Allegiance, beſides the Oaths uſually taken upon the admiſsion of any perſons into the ſaid Reſpective Offices, places, or Employments. And alſo this enſuing Oath, viz. I *A. B.* do Declare and Believe, That it is not lawful, upon any pretence whatſoever, to take Arms againſt the KING; And that I doabhor that Trayterous Poſition of taking Arms by His Authority againſt His Perſon, or againſt thoſe that are Commiſſioned by him. So help me GOD. The ſaid Oaths to be taken, before ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall admit them to the ſaid ſeveral Offices, places, and employments (who are hereby impowred authorized and required to adminiſter to them the ſaid Oaths) and upon any ſuch perſon or perſons refuſal to take the ſaid Oaths, The Election of ſuch perſon or perſons into any the ſaid Offices, places, or employments, is hereby declared to be abſolutely null and void (ſuch perſons onely excepted, with whoſe taking the ſaid Oath of Supremacy, the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governour or Governours of this Kingdom for the time being ſhall think fit, by writing under his or, their hand by Name to diſpence.

Fourthly, Whereas the common council of the ſaid city doth conſiſt of A Lord Mayor Ftwenty four Aldermen, who have uſually ſate together in one Room a part by themſelves, and alſo of ſuch who are commonly called Sheriffs Peers, not exceeding forty eight perſons and of ninty ſix other perſons who are elected into the ſaid

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common-councel, out of ſeveral of the Guilds or Corporations of this City, and who have uſually ſate together in one Room apart by themſelves, and have been uſually called the Commons of the ſaid City, amongſt whom the Sheriffs of the ſaid City for the time being, do preſide.

And whereas We conceive it would tend to the benefit and advantage of the ſaid City, if ſuch perſons who are choſen into the ſaid Common-councel, out of the ſeveral Guilds or Corporations of this City, ſhould be changed, and new Elections made of them once in every three years, by which change a greater number of the Citizens of the ſaid City, might come into the ſaid places, and be Entruſted with the managdement of the affairs of the ſaid City.

We do hereby Order, Eſtabliſh and declare, that the Common-councel of the ſaid City, ſhall for ever hereafter conſiſt of the ſaid Lord Mayor, and Twenty four Aldermen, who or any eight, or more of the ſaid Aldermen, with the Lord Mayor, ſhall continue ſtill to ſit apart by themſelves; And alſo of the Sheriffs of the ſaid City for the time being, who are to preſide amongſt the reſt of the Common-councel of the ſaid City, as hath been formerly accuſtomed, and alſo of ſuch who are commonly called Sheriffs-Peers, not exceeding 48 perſons within the ſaid City, and of Ninty ſix other perſons to be choſen out of the ſeveral Guilds or Corporations of the ſaid City, from

which they have been formerly chosen, which said persons to be chosen out of the said several Guilds or Corporations, shall enjoy their said places of Common-council men, onely for three years from the time of their Elections. And to that end We do hereby Order and Establish, that the several Guilds or Corporations of this City, out of which any persons are now usually chosen to be of the Common-council of the said City, sometime within the month of November next ensuing, and so from time to time within every month of November, which shall for ever hereafter be at the end of every three years from the end of the Month of November next ensuing the date hereof, shall Elect and Nominate double the number of persons usually chosen out of each such Guild or Corporation into the common-council of this city, and by the Masters and Wardens of each such Guild or corporation, shall sometime within such month of November, present the names of the said persons so Elected, to the Lord Mayor of this city for the time being, who is hereby authorized and required in the presence of one of the Sheriffs, and eight of the Aldermen, before the Twenty fourth day of December then next ensuing, to Elect out of the persons whose names shall be so presented, the number of persons usually serving in the common-council of the said city, for each such Guild or corporation respectively, which said persons so Presented and Elected, shall be by vertue of that Election for three years then next ensuing, and no longer of the number of

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the Commons, or Common-councel of the said City, and in case any of the said persons so presented or Elected as aforesaid, shall happen to dye, or for any lawful cause to be removed during the said three years, then and in such case, the Guild or corporation out of which such person so dying or removed was Elected, shall forthwith present two other persons to the Lord Mayor of this city for the time being, out of whom the Lord Mayor in the presence of one of the Sheriffs, and eight of the Aldermen shall choose one who shall serve in the common-councel of the said city, during the remainder of the three years, for which such person so dying, or removed should have served therein. And that all and every the persons of the aforesaid Corporations and Guilds so to be nominated, presented and elected before the Twenty fourth day of December next, and so from three years to three years as aforesaid, or in the place of any person so dying as aforesaid; together with the said Sheriffs-Peers, or the greater number of them that shall be from time to time assembled (so as there be alwayes forty or more of them present) be and they onely are hereby authorized from and after the Twenty fourth day of December next, to Sit, Vote, and Act in the General Quarter and other Assemblies as the commons of the said city. And in case any of the said Guilds or corporations of the said city, shall neglect or refuse within the times herein above limited, to Elect and Nominate the persons above mentioned, or that the Master and

Wardens of any of the said Guilds or Corporations shall fail to return the names of the persons by them to be presented as fit persons to be of the Common-council of the said City, in such manner, and at such times as herein is above limited and appointed, or that any of the persons so Nominated, Presented or Elected, shall refuse to serve as Members of the said Commons or Common-council; That then and in such case the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, or usual Quorum of them, are thereupon authorized and required sometime between the last day of November, and the Twenty fourth of December next ensuing, and also sometime after the last day of November, and before the Twenty fourth day of December, which shall be at the end of every three years after the Twenty fourth day of December next, to Elect out of the Corporations or Guilds so failing, such number of persons as have been accustomed to serve for such Guild or Corporation in the Common-council of the said City; And that such persons so Elected by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen in manner as aforesaid, be and are hereby appointed to be of the number of the said Commons, or Common-council of the said City for three years next ensuing such Election, all the said persons so Elected to be of the Common-council of the said City, first taking the Oaths hereby appointed to be administred unto them, which Oaths the Lord Mayor of the said City for the time being, is hereby authorized and required to administer unto them. And that no other person

person or persons from & after the said Twenty fourth day of December next, be of the Commons of the said City, besides the Sheriffs of the said City for the time being, who are still to preside amongst the said Commons, and the said Sheriffs Peers, and the said Nine[ty] six persons from the said several Corporations so to be presented and Elected before the Twenty fourth day of December next, and so from three years to three years as aforesaid, or in the place of any person so dying or removed as aforesaid. And the said persons in their default so to be Elected by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen as aforesaid, who only are from time to time after the Twenty fourth day of December next, to be the Commons of the said City in such manner and form as aforesaid; And if any person pretending himself to be one of the Commons of the said City shall after the Twenty fourth day of December next, presume to Sit and Vote as a commoner, before he shall be Elected in manner and form aforesaid, he shall thereupon immediately be disfranchised by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said city, or the usual Quorum of them.

Provided that this Rule shall not debarr, or hinder the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and common-council of this city, from exerciſing the power that they have formerly used of altering or changing the numbers of any common-council men usually serving for any corporation, and of distributing the same amongst any other Corporations, that now are or hereafter shall be in this city, so as the whole number of persons to be chosen out of all the

ſaid corporation, do not exceed the ſaid number of Ninty ſix perſons, and ſo as all the ſaid perſons be preſented and Elected in ſuch manner, and at ſuch times as is herein above mentioned.

Fifthly, That all Foreigners, Strangers, and Aliens, as well others as Proteſtants, who are or ſhall be Merchants, Traders, Artizans, Artificers, Seamen, or otherwiſe ſkilled and exerciſed in any Myſtery, Craft, or Trade, or in the working or making any manufacture, or in the Art of Navigation, who are at preſent reſiding and inhabiting within the ſaid city of Dublin, or who ſhall at any time hereafter come into the ſaid City with intent and reſolution there to inhabit, reſide, and dwell, ſhall upon his or their reſonable ſuit or requeſt made, and upon payment down, or tender of Twenty ſhillings by way of Fine, unto the Lord Mayor and Common-councel; or other perſons authorized to admit, & make Freemen in the ſaid City, be admitted a Freeman of the ſaid City, And if he or they ſhall deſire it, of all or any Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowſhip of any Trade, Craft, or other myſtery within the ſame during his or their reſidence for the moſt part, and his and their Families conſtant inhabiting within this Kingdom and no longer; and ſhall have, exerciſe, and enjoy all priviledges and immunities of Trading, Working Buying, and Selling, in as large and ample manner as any Freeman of the ſaid City, might have, exerciſe or enjoy by vertue of his or their Freedom: And

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that every such person or persons, who shall be admitted to be free as aforesaid, shall from thenceforth be deemed, esteemed, and taken, and be Denizen and Denizens within this Kingdom, any Law Statute, Charter, Usage, or Custome of this Kingdom, or of of the said City, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided alwayes, That all such Strangers, Artificers, and others, to be admitted Freemen as aforesaid, shall take the Oath of Allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and Successors, and also such other Oaths as are accustomably taken by all or any Freemen, or members of the said City, or by all or any the members of any such Guild, or Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of the Trade, Craft, or other mystery, which he or they shall occupy, or exercize, in case he or they shall desire to be incorporated into any such Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship aforesaid, and shall pay all such and like Charges, as all Freemen his Majesties subjects, of the like Trade, Craft, or mystery, shall or do use to pay, and no other or more; And that if the Lord Mayor and Common-council or other persons authorized as aforesaid, within the said City, or any Master, Warden, or other Governour of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship; or any Trade, Craft, or mystery within the said City, shall refuse to admit any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, residing or coming into this Kingdom, with ment as aforesaid, to be a Freeman of

the said city, or to be a Brother or member of any brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship within the same, all such persons so refusing to admit such strangers as aforesaid, shall upon complaint and due proof made, of such refusal, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and Council of this Kingdom, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thenceforth incapable (without their Licence) of being a Freeman or member of the said City, And every such Stranger being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, upon tender by him made of Twenty shillings, by way of Fine as aforesaid, and taking the Oath of Allegiance before any Justice of Peace, of the County of Dublin (who is hereby authorized and appointed to administer the said Oath) shall thereupon by vertue hereof, be deemed, reputed, and taken to all intents and purposes to be a Freeman or member of the said City, & of the Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery, where he or they shall be denied admission as aforesaid; And from thenceforth have, exercize, and enjoy the liberty and priviledge of Trading, Working, Buying or Selling of any commodities whatsoever, in as large and ample manner, as if he had been admitted a Freeman of the said City, a Brother or member of such Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery within the same, taking the usual Oaths of such Freemen, Brothers or members, which Oaths any one Justice of Peace of the said county of Dublin shall

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have power to administer, and paying all such charges as aforesaid, any Law, Custome, Charter or Usage, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And in case any person or persons shall give any interruption or disturbance to any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman, or Seaman as aforesaid, to the hindring him in his Trading, Working, Buying or Selling aforesaid, contrary to the intent and meaning hereof, all and every such person and persons so offending, shall upon like complaint and proof made of his or their offence therein, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and Council of this Kingdom for the time being, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thenceforth incapable without their Licence of being a Freeman or member of the said City.

And these Our Rules, Orders, & directions, We do hereby Order and Establish for ever hereafter, to continue in force within the said city of Dublin, and within the Corporations thereof.

And that the same be forthwith inrolled in the Rolls of his Majesties High-court of Chancery in this Kingdom.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Dublin*, the Four and Twentieth day of *September*, 1672.

Ja. Armachanus. Mich. Dublin *Canc.* Conway & Kilulta. Massereene. Hen Midensis. Fran, Aungier. Art. Forbese. Jo. Bysse. Will. Stewart. Fra. Hamilton. H. Ingoldesby. Theo. Jones. A. Chichester. Char. Meredyth.

GOD save the King.